

# News Notes

## Planning moves ahead for changes to EHS Library

Major changes are coming to the Education, Human Ecology, Psychology and Social Work (EHS) Library in Sullivant Hall as the system prepares for the renovation of the Thompson Library, now slated for 2006.

Libraries Director Joe Branin announced that Acock Associates Architects will provide the cost estimates and detailed construction plans for the work that will be performed at EHS to prepare it as a central service point when the Thompson Library closes. Ryan Langhurst, who has headed planning for the swing space needed during the Thompson renovation, will also work with Acock as the Libraries' representative on the project.

Projects slated for the spring and summer of 2005 include:

- Creation of a "Learning Commons" space on the second floor of EHS, adding additional seating and computing access for students. In order to make the computing

access possible, enhancements will be made to the electrical power and network connectivity in this area of the building.

- Moving the EHS serials collections to the compact shelving area of the basement of EHS. This will clear the second floor space needed to create the Learning Commons.

- The EHS monographs collections (ehss) will be moved from EHS to the Thompson Library, to consolidate the MAIS and EHSS materials into one alphabet in the Main Library.

Current plans call for these projects to be completed prior to the start of Fall Quarter 2005. During the academic year, other improvements will be made at Sullivant Hall, including building a loading dock on the south side of the building.

Branin emphasized the importance of utilizing the additional year of preparation time brought about because of the delay of the

Thompson Library renovation.

Regular updates on the progress of the projects will be included in future issues of *News Notes*.

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### Book Sale Volunteers Needed!



*If you can volunteer a few hours to help at the Friends' Spring Booksale May 5 & 6, please contact Joanna Anderson, [anderson.506@osu.edu](mailto:anderson.506@osu.edu) or call 2-6151.*

## Campus Campaign Update

Great News! By the 15th of April, 38% of the Libraries' personnel had made a contribution to this year's Campus Campaign! If just 30 more folks fill out a pledge card or go online to contribute as little as \$1 to some place in the University that had special meaning to them, we'd get all the way to 50% participation. Thirty-eight percent at this point in the Campaign is absolutely great, but 50% by April 30 would be fabulous.

If you've already sent in your contribution, you have our

deepest thanks. If not, you still have time, but contributions need to be received and processed at the Campus Campaign Office by April 30 in order to be counted in the final participation figures for this year. Remember, you can make a one time contribution or a payroll deduction online by going to the Campus Campaign Web site (<http://www.giveto.osu.edu/areas/campuscampaign/index.asp>), and it's also possible to pay by credit card online.

Thanks again to all those who have made a contribution, and for those who have been procrastinating, now is the time to act! If you need another pledge form, or have questions, please contact one of us and we'll do our best to get you what you need.

**Lila Andersen**  
**Betty Sawyers**  
Co-Coordinator,  
Libraries' 2005  
Campus Campaign

And the winner is...

*Cameron Justice,  
grandson of Diane  
Sliemers, "Most  
Creative."*



## Baked Goods/Pastry Fair a Big Hit



The Baked Goods/Pastry Fair raised a total of \$456.50 for the Thompson Library Renovation Fund! Thanks to all those who gave so generously. Those of you who missed the Fair missed a lot of very tasty treats, and those of you who missed the First Annual Cake Auction missed a really good time.

Mixed Candies and Nuts: Mary Parnell and Tom Cetwinski

Arby's Gift Certificates: Eboni Francis, Mary Harris, Travis Manzione, Jean McMeans, Stephanie Nicol, Mary Scott, Nima Shafaieh

The winners for the prizes for the Cake Auction are:

Most Beautiful Cake: LaTina Moss

Most Creative Cake: Cameron Justice

Most Pitiful Cake: Diane Sliemers

The winners for the door prizes for the event are:

Swiss Army Knife: Marilyn Willhoff

Grilling Sauces: Andy Krutko

## People News

**Betsy Blankenship**, Director, Marion Campus Library, received a \$125 grant from the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) to attend the ACRL National Conference recently held in Minneapolis (April 7-10).

**John M. Bennett**, Rare Books & MSS Library, is exhibiting work in a curated show of visual poetry at Gallery 308, Minneapolis, in May.

**David A. Lincove**, History, Political Science and Philosophy Professor, "Radical Publishing to 'Reach the Million Masses': Alexander L. Trachtenberg and International Publishers, 1906-1966," *Left History* v.10, n.1 (Fall/Winter 2004): 85-125.

**Eric Schnell**, Associate Professor and Head of Information Technology, Prior Health Sciences Library, has received the "Movers & Shakers Award" from *Library Journal*. The 51 honorees for 2005 were selected from more than 150,000 librarians in the US and Canada, and were cited for their innovative, often-unheralded achievements advancing library services to the broader public. Schnell will be featured in *Library Journal* and honored at a luncheon at the June ALA convention in Chicago.

## "ReadAloud" Celebrates Sharing Stories

A new weekly program designed to share the pleasure of reading is underway on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the Sills Exhibit Hall of the Main Library.

Called "ReadAloud," the program features readers sharing portions of their favorite books with the audience.

Plan to stop by during the hour and enjoy your fellow readers sharing some of the books they've discovered.

### May 12

- Lee Abbott, Department of English
- Cathryn Crosby, College of Education
- Dave Kaylor (WBNS-TV)

### May 19

- Mollie Blackburn, College of Education
- Gregory Hens, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures



*Raimund Goerler, Assistant Director for Special Collections & Archives, sharing excerpts from *Alone* by Richard E. Byrd at the first ReadAloud.*

## ReadAloud Schedule

### April 28

- Kevin Boyle, Department of History
- Sarah Grace Heller, Department of French and Italian
- Dona Straley, University Libraries

### May 5

- Linda Schoen, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences
- Geoff Smith, University Libraries

### May 26

- Harry Campbell, et al, University Libraries
- Dramatizations of Thurber stories

### June 2, Noon-Midnight, Plaza in front of Thompson Library

- Department of Greek and Latin; Marathon reading of *The Odyssey*

## Spring Book Sale



**May 5-6  
Thompson  
Library**



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TELR Awareness Event

# Classroom Response Systems: "Clickers" and Beyond

**Thursday, April 28, 2-3:30 pm,  
Science and Engineering Library (SEL),  
Room 090**

During the past year, there has been a renewed interest in using classroom response systems or "clickers" at Ohio State and across the nation. As OSU's classroom services staff began installing (at faculty request) various infrared receiver systems provided by textbook publishers (to go with the clickers bundled with their books), they quickly discovered many immediate technical and logistical concerns that could grow exponentially as usage grew ... especially with so many different brands of systems that were not interoperable. In addition, students could wind up carrying five or six different brands of clickers in their book bag and have to buy new activation codes each quarter for some of them.

A committee was created by Susan Metros, Deputy CIO, to look into the pedagogical benefits of using these audience response systems in classes of various sizes, to see what various technologies and systems were out there, to determine which ones might best fit OSU, and to make recommendations about how these could be supported and to what extent they should be supported.

During this session, the committee's co-chairs -- Dr. Bill Reay and Tom Stone -- will summarize the

findings of the committee (submitted last month to the CIO and Provost's office) and explain the rationale for the recommendations.

This hands-on session will provide each participant with a "clicker" to use to interact with the presenters during the session -- answering "ask the audience" questions. You'll be able to see how your responses compare to the rest of the audience through charts displayed instantly by the response system software. These will be the "new generation" of campus clickers that use radio frequency (RF) technology that solve many of the previous problems encountered. There's no pointing and shooting at a receiver (the way you do with a TV remote). You just click. We'll also demonstrate a "virtual clicker" software that students could download to their wireless laptop or PDA to allow them to use that device as their clicker.

There will be plenty of time for discussion and for faculty to share their own experiences and insights about clickers. Also, those faculty pondering the use of clickers can ask questions of those who have "been there and done that." And skeptics will have a chance to be heard as well -- via clicker and otherwise.

*Submitted by Teri Ryan*

## Bromfield awarded \$18,344 IMLS Grant

The Bromfield Library at The Ohio State University at Mansfield/North Central State College has received a grant for \$18,334 from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), awarded by the State Library of Ohio. The grant, plus institutional funds, will be used to develop an active learning library classroom.

Bromfield Library instructional

pedagogy already incorporates participatory exercises that include problem-based learning, evidence-based learning, and inquiry, all of which emphasize critical thinking as a needed component of information literacy. The project will provide the classroom technology and physical layout to expand these "active learning" methods to all library instruction classes. The project will also create opportunities to model active learning teaching methods and technology for North Central State College and OSU-Mansfield faculty.

"We will be setting up the classroom this summer," said Scott Savage, head of reference and library instruction coordinator. "I'm trying to get students out of the 'computer lab' environment. Workstations around the periphery of the room will permit them to do case scenario research, while a central area of flexible seating will lend itself to group activities."

The grant is one of only two to be awarded to Ohio higher education institutions this year.



# HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

## RESIGNATIONS/STAFF

Book Depository – Alice Jamez has resigned her Library Media Technical Assistant position effective 09 April 2005

## APPONTMENTS/STAFF

Book Depository – Kyle Nugent has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Morneau – effective 13 April 2005

Circulation (Main Library) – Arezo Rahnema has accepted the position of Library Associate 1 – 75% - replacing Adelia – effective 21 April 2005

Science and Engineering Library – Stephen Kennedy has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% - replacing Toukan – effective 05 May 2005

## VACANCIES/FACULTY

Science and Engineering Library – Assistant Professor (Physics/Astronomy Librarian) – 100% - replacing Duffy

## VACANCIES/STAFF

ASA/ASD  
(Thompson Main Library) –  
Accountant –  
100%-replacing Scherer

Business Office (Main Library) – Account Clerk 3 –  
100% - replacing Carpenter

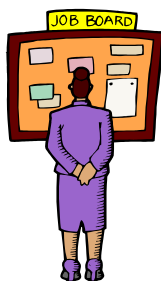
Health Sciences Library – Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Behring

Science and Engineering Library – Library Media Technical Assistant –50% - replacing Wilkenson –  
REPOSTED

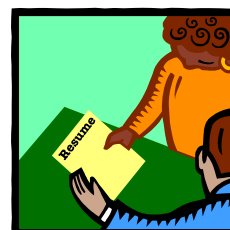


*In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.*

**Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:**



<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>



# Workshops/Seminars/Training/Learning

## Can't We All Just Get Along? Managing Conflict in the Workplace

Thursday, May 5, 2005, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Location: 099 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road

Turning conflict into collaboration is a critical skill for all supervisors! Preventing, managing and responding to workplace conflict is the focus of the workshop. Participants will explore their natural responses to conflict and gain confidence in actively addressing difficult issues before they spiral downward.

## Spring Cleaning: Tips for Keeping Your Space Safe

Friday, May 20, 2005, 11:30 am-1 pm

Location: 260 Drees Lab, 2015 Neil Avenue

Come and join Officer Anna Stephenson from the OSU Police Department to discuss safety tips. This discussion will include tips about protecting your property as well as your identity. What should you look for? What should you report? Who should you report? Find the answers at this brown bag discussion.

**Register online at <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/home.htm> or by phone at (614) 292-4500.**

**These workshops are sponsored by the OSU Organization and Human Resource Development Office.**

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## "Kick It!" Tobacco Cessation and Intervention Program

Want help breaking your tobacco habit? Consider participating in a spring session of the "Kick It!" Tobacco Cessation and Intervention Program coordinated for faculty and staff by JamesCare for Life. Classes in the session will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays from May 11-June 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. at OSU Outpatient Services, 2050 Kenny Road. The classes will be led by a registered nurse or a certified health education specialist trained in tobacco cessation. The session costs \$75; OSU insurance reimburses \$60 of this fee upon completion of all six classes. To register or obtain more information, call The James Line at 293-5066.



## Time to "Race for the Cure"

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for our second annual OSU Library team event for *Race for The Cure*.

The race is May 14, and the proceeds benefit breast cancer research. The cost to join as a team is \$20, with a \$1.20 processing fee. Sally Muster and Diane Sliemers will coordinate the effort, and will pick up your race packet, which includes a t-shirt to wear the day of the event.

Our team name is OSU Library, password is "serials" (lower case) It only takes a few minutes to regis-

ter; payment is required at the time of registering. Sign up at:

**[http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1184417&action=ct](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1184417&action=ct)**

This year the race is moving back downtown. We can meet here at the Library and car pool down so we end up together or just try to meet there. We hope you will join us and make this second year better than the first. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane or Sally.

## May 14



*The Advisory Committee on Research Presents:*

## **Munch And Learn**

**Thursday, April 28**

**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Main Library/122**



*A chance to socialize over lunch and hear your colleagues report on their research.*

Anne Fields presents: ***How Do I Know What I Know? The First-Year Student's Authority of Knowledge***

Gerry Greenberg presents: ***There is Nothing Outside of Text, or is There?: Poststructuralism and Communication***

*Coffee and cookies provided courtesy of Joe Branin*



### ***Service Values of***

#### **The Ohio State University Libraries**

*In addition to supporting the University's Academic Plan, The Ohio State University Libraries commits to the following service values:*

***Learning:*** Advocate learning as a primary library principle in all interactions, including support of decision making at all levels and encouragement of professional growth and development.

***Meeting Needs:*** Assess needs and provide service and/or needed resources accurately in a timely manner.

***Respectful Interactions:*** Exercise a positive attitude, appreciate differences, maintain confidentiality, and provide a supportive atmosphere for inquiry and effective dialogue/communication.

***Stewardship:*** Acquire, preserve, and protect human and information resources and maintain physical facilities to enhance the learning environment.

***Creativity:*** Take the initiative; be dynamic and innovative in meeting people's needs, being willing to take risks and maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

***Interdependence:*** Collaborate within and among library units, and foster partnerships and outreach to the larger community to ensure/enhance successful operations and accountability.

### **Mission Statement**

*The Ohio State University Libraries is committed to meeting the diverse and changing information needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff, and to participating in resource sharing programs throughout Ohio and the world.*

*The Libraries' facilities, collections, services, instruction, and scholarship contribute to the University's attainment of excellence in teaching, research and service.*

*To these ends, the Libraries collect, create, organize, manage, preserve and provide access to information sources, and foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning.*

*May 5, 1998*



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